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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on April 27, 2009, Applicants elect the invention of Group II, with claims 25-30 and 35-36 drawn to a protective coating, for further prosecution in the above-referenced patent application.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should the Examiner have any questions concerning this Paper. Applicants do not believe that any fees are required in connection with this Paper, however, the Office is authorized to charge any fees required to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket No. 011235.57206US).

Respectfully submitted,

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